

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

31 January 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT: National Foreign Intelligence on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

1. You are aware of the President's concern over the narcotics problem and his desire that concentrated efforts be made to combat the problem both at home and abroad. In this connection, the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control (CCINC) has stated that the greatest emphasis internationally should be on gathering intelligence and on strengthening foreign narcotics law enforcement.

2. While law enforcement, of course, generally falls outside the purview of the intelligence community, the community shares the responsibility for furnishing required intelligence support for law enforcement action planning. To ensure that our foreign intelligence efforts are directed in the most profitable manner, I am requesting the Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC), with representation from non-USIB agencies as appropriate, to conduct a review of these efforts, looking into such problems as the coordination of collection, dissemination and production of national intelligence information on narcotics; the gaps in our knowledge of this subject; additions to, or adjustments in, resources allocated to this problem which might be made in order to fill these gaps; and to make recommendations for improvements in our overall intelligence on this subject. I am requesting the CCPC to give particular attention to means by which better information on those trafficking systems which manufacture and transport hard narcotics into the United States can be developed.

3. I have requested the Committee's report by 30 March 1972.

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Chairman